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Claims 18-25, 27, 28 and 30-33 are incomplete because the claim(s) on which it/they depend(s) from have been cancelled by the examiner in accordance with MPEP § 1214.06. Applicant is given a ONE MONTH TIME LIMIT from the date of this letter in which to present claims 18-25, 27, 28 and 30-33 in independent form. NO EXTENSIONS OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) WILL BE GRANTED.

Failure to comply with this deadline will result in cancellation of claims 18-25, 27, 28 and 30-33 and this application will be abandoned.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Toan N Pham whose telephone number is (571) 272-2967. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F.

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